



STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Region 9

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**Data for June 2006
(Preliminary)**

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

***INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS**

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



The June 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during June. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

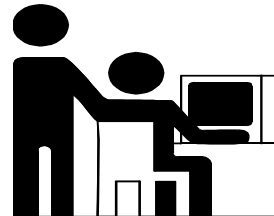
Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 June 2006

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
	Openings	Wage
Counter-Rental Clerks	19	10.42
Assemblers (Factory Work)	18	9.70
Cashiers, General	18	9.48
Salespersons: Retail	16	10.00
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	14	13.64
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	12	8.58
First Line Supervisors, Customer Service	11	10.25
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	11	7.00
Cooks: Restaurant	10	8.37
First Line Supervisors/Mgrs. Service Workers	10	10.50
Production Laborers	10	9.63
Service Establishment Managers	10	10.50
All Other Service Workers	8	10.50
Counter Attendants – Food Service	8	7.76
Maintenance Mechanics: Water/Power Plants	8	16.84
Oilers	8	16.84
Other Cleaning/Building Service Workers	8	9.72
Powerhouse and Relay Electricians	8	16.84
Truck Drivers, Heavy	8	14.29
Boilermakers	7	15.45
Boiler Operators, Low Pressure	7	15.45
Food Preparation & Service Workers	7	8.08
Janitors and Cleaners	7	9.16
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	7	10.75
Power Generating Plant Operators	7	15.45

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

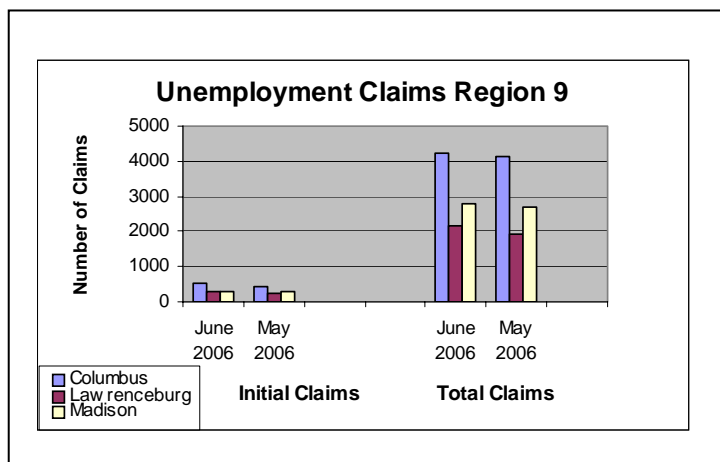


LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	June 2006	May 2006
Initial Claims		
Columbus	537	441
Lawrenceburg	306	261
Madison	311	302
Total Claims		
Columbus	4,241	4,142
Lawrenceburg	2,167	1,912
Madison	2,783	2,669

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	152,557,000	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8	4.4	5.2
Indiana	3,301,900	3,132,300	169,600	5.1	4.8	5.3
Columbus, IN MSA	38,370	36,660	1,710	4.4	4.1	5.0
Bartholomew County	38,370	36,660	1,710	4.4	4.1	5.0
Dearborn County	24,400	25,850	1,550	5.7	4.6	5.9
Decatur County	13,200	12,640	560	4.3	4.2	5.0
Franklin County	12,380	11,710	670	5.4	4.8	6.1
Jackson County	23,130	22,070	1,060	4.6	4.3	4.8
Jefferson County	17,980	17,100	880	4.9	4.5	5.2
Jennings County	14,400	13,550	850	5.9	5.6	6.6
Ohio County	3,280	3,110	170	5.1	4.3	5.0
Ripley County	15,600	14,850	750	4.8	4.5	5.0
Switzerland County	6,040	5,795	245	4.1	3.7	4.4

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The June 2006 data are preliminary data and the June 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – JUNE 2006	COUNTY	JUNE 2006 RATE
72	Bartholomew	4.4
24	Dearborn	5.7
78	Decatur	4.3
33	Franklin	5.4
64	Jackson	4.6
54	Jefferson	4.9
20	Jennings	5.9
46	Ohio	5.1
60	Ripley	4.8
83	Switzerland	4.1

Orange County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.5 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 3.1 %.

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WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS					
				CHANGE FROM	
	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
(preliminary data)					
Total Nonfarm	43.6	43.6	43.7	0	-100
Total Private	37.8	37.5	37.9	300	-100
Goods Producing	16.8	16.6	16.5	200	300
Natural Resources / Construction	1.6	1.5	1.7	100	-100
Manufacturing	15.2	15.1	14.8	100	400
Durable Goods	13.2	13.2	12.8	0	400
Service Providing	26.8	27.0	27.2	-200	-400
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7.0	7.0	7.1	0	-100
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-100
Retail Trade	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	100
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	-100
Information Services	.05	.5	.5	0	0
Financial Activities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	100
Professional & Business Services	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	-200
Educational & Health Services	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	-100
Leisure & Hospitality Services	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	-100
Other Services	1.3	1.2	1.3	100	0
Government	5.8	6.1	5.8	-300	0
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.6	.8	.6	-200	0
Local Government	5.0	5.1	5.0	-100	0
Local Government Education	1.8	1.9	1.8	-100	0

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